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WASHINGTON, July 17, 1986 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended July 12 totaled an estimated 15.7 billion ton-miles, 0.9 percent below the corresponding week of 1985, the Association of American Railroads reported today. Both periods included the second week of the annual coal miners' holiday.

Cumulative volume for the first 28 weeks of 1986 was an estimated 469.3 billion ton-miles, 0.8 percent lower than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended July 12 totaled 339,055, down 0.5 percent from last year, but 11.3 percent higher than the previous Independence Day holiday week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 1.7 percent in the West, but down 0.9 percent in the East, and 4.3 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 14 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. However, metallic ores showed a gain of 4,038 cars (29.9 percent) and other farm products increased by 2,120 cars (6.1 percent). Nineteen of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding holiday week.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the holiday week ended July 5 totaled 81,734 trailers and/or containers, 11.9 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 27 weeks of the year was 2,510,873 trailers and/or containers, up 9.9 percent from 1985.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 7/12/86:

	Loadings in Week ended July 12, 1986		Change from Corresponding Week 1985			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	23,962	D	1,141	4.5	I	2,486	11.6
Other farm products	3,680	I	2,120	6.1	I	115	3.2
Metallic ores	17,541	I	4,038	29.9	I	1,797	11.4
Coal	82,470	D	3,785	4.4	I	5,869	7.7
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	14,731	I	986	7.2	I	3,849	35.4
Nonmetallic minerals	9,238	D	1,854	16.7	I	954	11.5
Grain mill products	10,352	I	801	8.4	I	1,196	13.1
Food and kindred products	10,287	D	342	3.2	I	806	8.5
Primary forest products	10,054	D	1,228	10.9	I	2,290	29.5
Lumber and wood products except furniture	6,908	I	318	4.8	I	1,125	19.5
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,199	D	777	6.0	I	354	3.0
Chemicals and allied products	22,163	D	221	1.0	I	2,287	11.5
Petroleum products	5,193	I	503	10.7	I	1,134	27.9
Stone, clay and glass products	10,139	D	464	4.4	I	1,443	16.6
Coke	4,587	D	648	12.4	I	898	24.3
Metals and products	7,264	D	1,291	15.1	D	235	3.1
Motor vehicles and equipment	14,808	D	1,892	11.3	I	412	2.9
Waste and scrap materials	7,431	D	398	5.1	I	1,422	23.7
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,888	D	3,106	51.8	I	218	8.2
All other carloads	63,055	I	8,682	16.0	I	5,936	10.4
LCL traffic	105	D	4	3.7	D	4	3.7
Total Cars Loaded	339,055	D	1,611	0.5	I	34,352	11.3
Corresponding week of 1985	340,666						

	1986	1985	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (28 weeks)	10,381,619	10,459,935	D 0.7
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
27 Weeks ended July 5	453.7	457.5	D 0.8
Week ended July 12	15.7	15.8	D 0.9
28 weeks cumulative	469.3	473.3	D 0.8

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